



Recent Statements Regarding the Education Bill

“Mr. [**Checker**] **Finn** is the conservative who helped Candidate Bush write his education plan. But after inspecting the Senate-House fine print, he now says, ‘I’m fairly depressed. It’s Potemkin reform, a facade underwritten by billions in new spending.’”

“**Jeanne Allen of the Center for Education Reform**, another Bush ally, calls the emerging product at best a ‘15% to 20% improvement.’ And given all of the new spending Mr. Bush is accepting, she adds, ‘they ought to be getting a lot more reform than that.’”

—May 4, 2001, *Wall Street Journal*, “Teddy Takes George to School”

“**Bill Bennett**, an education secretary in the first Bush administration, urged the new president today to stand strong.”

“‘The proposals he sent up to the Hill are good proposals,’ Mr. Bennett said at a news conference. ‘But right now they are in the process of being eviscerated. I would plead with the president to fight for these proposals,’ he added. ‘I know he wants to get a bill signed. But it’s critical to get a good bill signed.’”

—May 4, 2001, *New York Times*, “On Way to Passage, Bush’s Education Plan Gets a Makeover”